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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
FEBRUARY 23, 1976:

Q. DO YOU INTEND TO SATISFY THE ISRAELI REQUEST ASKING
YOU TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO SEE IF IT'S
POSSIBLE TO GET AN AGREEMENT ON NON-BELLIGERENCY?

A. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ISRAELI CABINET DECISION --

Q. YES.

A. -- WHICH IS REPORTED TO AUTHORIZE US TO TALK TO THE
EGYPTIANS AND THE JORDANIANS AND THE SYRIANS --

Q. THAT'S RIGHT.

A. -- ABOUT NEGOTIATING THE END OF THE STATE OF WAR?

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WELL, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FULL TEXT OF THE ISRAELI
CABINET STATEMENT. WHEN WE DO, WE WILL OF COURSE CAREFULLY
STUDY IT.

THE ONLY THING I CAN REALLY SAY TO YOU ON THE SUBJECT
IS THAT SINCE THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN, I THINK
LAST MONTH, WE REMAIN IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL THE
GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED
NEXT IN THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. THOSE CONSULTATIONS ARE IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS,

AND OF COURSE I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS THESE HERE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE ABOUT THE ISRAELI CABINET
DECISION THROUGH THOSE CHANNELS.

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